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1. The following observations were made in the area of the ALTENGRABOW (M 53/Z 00) troop training grounds on 5 July 1949

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a. Strong units in a woods near ZIESAR (M 53/Z 01). Soldiers were observed stringing telephone lines.

b. Several strictly guarded ammunition dumps near ZIESAR and DRESDEN (M 53/Z 12).

c. Artillery firing practices in the DOEWITZ (M 53/Z 00) area. One artillery observer was seen in a captive balloon.

d. A large troop camp near DREWITZ (M 53/Z 01). Twelve long-barreled guns of large caliber, with elevated barrels, were seen at the camp main entrance. units of about five thousand troops were quartered in the camp and three thousand more troops in the adjacent woods. The troops had allegedly arrived there in late June 1949.

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e. The following motor vehicle numbers were secured in the ALTENGRABOW area:

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"Mercedes" passenger car, occupied by a general
 passenger car occupied by four field officers
 passenger car occupied by three field officers
 "Horch" passenger car, occupied by two officers
 passenger car occupied by four officers
 passenger car occupied by two officers.

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Engineer units were said to be located in the ROTTSTOCK
(N 53/Z 10) - HOHENLOBBESE (N 53/Z 10) area.

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Comment: Large artillery units were on maneuvers at the
ALTENGREBOW troop training grounds in the summer of 1948.

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troops of all branches of service held maneuvers in the ZIESAR area. Artillery units, presumably component units of the 38th AT Brig or 43th (Gs?) Gun Arty Brig, were to be transferred to the ALTENGREBOW troop training grounds in early May 1949.

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Their departure from ALTENGREBOW was confirmed antitank

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units from BRANDENBURG (Flak Kaserne) conducted daily firing practices in ALTENGREBOW in late May and early June 1949.

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A heavy field howitzer unit from BRANDENBURG trained in ALTENGREBOW from 16 to 23 June 1949.

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artillery units from POTSDAM and RATHENOW have also arrived by rail at the ALTENGREBOW troop training grounds since late May 1949.

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